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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD, XH

SUBJECT: GDR EMIGRATION POLICY

REF: A. STATE 80268 B. BERLIN 733 C. BERLIN 1804 OF OCT 19, 1972

1. EAST GERMAN EMIGRATION POLICY IS ONE OF MOST RESTRICTIVE IN EASTERN EUROPE. CURRENT GDR CONSTITUTION (1968) DOES NOT CONTAIN PROVISION OF 1949 CONSTITUTION ACCORDING TO WHICH EAST GERMAN CITIZEN HAD RIGHT (ON PAPER AT LEAST) TO EMIGRATE, AND PROVIDES ONLY FOR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT WITHIN GDR. EVEN THIS RIGHT, HOWEVER, CAN BE LIMITED BY LAW. TRAVEL TO WEST FOR VISITING PURPOSES IS ALSO SEVERELY RESTRICTED. ATTEMPTS AT UNAUTHORIZED EXIT (REPUBLIKFLUCHT) ARE SUBJECT TO SEVERE PENALTIES. MOREOVER, GDR'S WESTERN BORDERS ARE EQUIPPED WITH INTRICATE SYSTEM OF BARRIERS, INCLUDING MINE

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FIELDS AND AUTOMATIC SHOOTING DEVICES, AND BORDER GUARDS

HAVE STANDING ORDERS TO FIRE AT WOULD- BE ESCAPEES. MOST RECENT SHOOTING INCIDENT OCCURRED AT BERLIN WALL, IN WHICH ESCAPEE WAS KILLED (REF B).

2. NO GDR EMIGRATION LAWS OR REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC BUT PRESUMABLY SUCH EXIST IN UNPUBLISHED FORM TO PROVIDE " SOCIALIST LEGALITY" AND GUIDANCE TO GDR OFFICIALS HANDLING EMIGRATION REQUESTS.

3. GDR PENSIONERS, UNPRODUCTIVE ELEMEIS FIRST WHICH EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED OF PROMISED COPIES
BDG INVITATIONS TO US OIL COMPANIES TO COME FOREWARD FOR FINAL NEGOTIATIONS RE OIL EXPLORATION. NO SUCH COPY FOR CARLSBERG YET DELIVERED.
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